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In re Application of  
Lukasik et al.  
Application No. 09/864,470  
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed October 9, 2001, to accord the above-identified application a filing date of May 24, 2001, instead of May 25, 2001.

The petition is **granted**.

37 CFR 1.10(d) states:

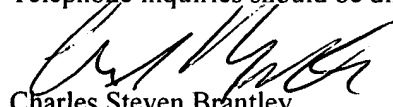
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All of the above requirements have been met. Therefore, the application will be accorded a filing date of May 24, 2001.

The file is now being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination to accord the application a filing date of May 24, 2001.

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